

New Hampshire

A. STATE-AT-A-GLANCE

1)	Program Operation	State operated
2)	Number of Local Offices (excluding Agencies under Cooperative Agreements)	12 district offices
3)	Type of Agencies with Cooperative Agreements	NH Employment Security, NH Sweepstakes Commission, AOC
4)	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	NO
5)	Agreements With Tribal Entities	NO
6)	Age of Majority for Termination of Support	Until reaching age of 18 or terminates high school whichever is later, or becomes married or becomes a member of armed services; unless children are declared legally dependent beyond that age due to mental or physical disability or unless court has otherwise ordered support to continue beyond age 18.
7)	Statutes of Limitation:	
	• Collection of Past Due Support	Effective 1988, 20 years on adjudicated arrearages
	• Paternity Establishment	Child's 19th birthday
	• Dormancy Revival/Renewal Possible [yes/no]	NO
8)	Guidelines	Income shares using statutorily determined NH formula
9)	Interest Rates on	
	• Missed Payments	NO
	• Retroactive Support	NO
	• Adjudicated Arrearage	NO
10)	Arrearage Collections for Non- minor Child(ren)	Yes, if custodial parent applied for IV-D services prior to child's 18th birthday; will not accept applications from first time applicants for IV-D services with no minor children
11)	Distribution Scheme	
	• AFDC Arrears	75% to custodial parent, 25% to state
	• Non-AFDC Arrears	100% to custodial parent

12)	Procedures Regarding Medical Support Using Income Withholding	State law allows it; not yet in use.
13)	New Hire Reporting	NO
14)	Recovery of Costs Elected Under State Plan	NO
15)	Recovery of Costs for Initiating State	Yes, for paternity testing only.
16)	Long-Arm Statute/s Citation/s	New Hampshire RSA 510:4
17)	Automated Locate Resources	NH Division of Motor Vehicles, NH Employment Security, FPLS, CSENet, Credit Bureau
18)	Enforcement Options	
	• State Income Tax Refund Intercept	NO State Income Tax.
	• License Revocation/ Suspension	YES
	• Administrative Liens	YES
	• Property Seizure & Sale	NO
	• State Funds/Benefits (please specify)	Unemployment, Workers Compensation
	• Other (please specify)	Lottery Intercept
19)	Spousal Maintenance Orders <i>(specify yes or no)</i>	
	• Establish	NO
	• Enforce	Yes, when there is a child support obligation with it.
	• Modify	NO
20)	Current Spouse/Partner Information Required	NO, not without a court order.

B. UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

1)	State Code Citation	N/A
2)	Effective Date	N/A

3)	Adopted Verbatim? If no, list differences.	N/A
4)	Repeal URESA?	NO
5)	Repeal IWW?	NO

C. INCOME WITHHOLDING

1)	Income Withholding Terminology	Wage Assignment
2)	Income Withholding Procedures	
	• State Withholding Limits	In accordance with 15 U.S.C. 1673(b)
	• Fee Charged by Employers	\$1.00 per transaction, optional.
	• Date to Remit	Immediately on each payday.
	• Penalty	\$1000 criminal misdemeanor fine, plus \$100.00 administrative fine per pay period for each employee with a wage assignment obligation if the employer has willfully failed to comply with certain wage assignment provisions.
3)	Definition of Employer	RSA 458-B:1; “Employer” means any person, firm, corporation, or association, or any political subdivision or department of the state or federal government, which employs a person or pays wages or any other compensation.
4)	Included Income	RSA 458-B:1; “Wages” means compensation paid or payable for personnel services, whether denominated as wages, salary, commission, bonus, or otherwise, and specifically includes periodic payments pursuant to pension or retirement programs, disability plans, and workers’ compensation payments.
5)	Excluded Income	Exempt funds such as AFDC, SSI, State APTD & ANB
6)	Direct Income Withholding for Unemployment Compensation, include address	Other state must file a IWW request with Central Registry for enforcement of an existing order. If verified as being on Unemployment Compensation, an attachment will be filed. Central Registry Legal Office Office of Child Support 6 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301-6521
7)	Direct Income for Workers’ Compensation, include address	Other state must file an IWW request with Central Registry for enforcement of an existing order. Central Registry Legal Office

	Office of Child Support 6 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301-6521
8) Direct Income Withholding, other income sources subject to, include address	Other state must file an IWW request with Central Registry Legal Office Office of Child Support 6 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301-6521
9) Direct Income Withholding, list Other Income Sources NOT subject to	N/A
10) Federal Withholding (See Federal Pay Agents Section)	IV-D Directors need not answer this question.
11) Procedures for Contesting Income Withholding	Yes
12) Arrearages through Income Withholding	Yes
13) Enforcing Against Non-Resident Obligor Asset/Income	Yes
14) Exception to Immediate Withholding	Yes; New Hampshire RSA 458-B-2, I a & b. (agreement or good cause)
15) Multiple Obligations Withholding Priorities	
• Policy	
• Priority	
• Assistance	
• Allocation	Computer distribution proportionately.

D. PATERNITY

1) Interstate Paternity Procedures	URES, OCS will accept voluntary admissions or obtain court order for paternity tests; initiating State responsible for scheduling tests and for initial costs; upon determination of paternity, court issues support order based on NH guidelines; order enforceable by OCS; will accept stipulated paternity, paternity by default and in contested suits paternity established by rebuttable presumption of paternity with use of DNA paternity tests: absent parent contacted to obtain voluntary acknowledgment of paternity and stipulation or absent parent served with pleading and requested to voluntarily acknowledge paternity; court must order genetic tests in cases of contested paternity; court makes finding of paternity based on stipulation or evidence presented. service of judgment available if DNA paternity tests or other scientific tests show probability of
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	paternity of 97% or greater.
Consent Orders Obtained	YES
2) Uniform Parentage Act	YES
3) Uniform Act on Blood Testing	YES
4) Parentage Order Available Without Order for Support	NO
5) Custody/Visitation Addressed Subject to Tribunal's Jurisdiction	NO
6) Genetic Test Results as Presumption of Paternity	YES
Threshold	97%
7) Paternity Acknowledgment as Presumption of Paternity (Rebuttable/Conclusive)	RSA 126:6-a II a g. If Acknowledgment with fathers name on birth certificate, paternity may not be changed without court order. Acknowledgment only Rebuttable.
8) Marriage as Presumption of Paternity	YES
9) Putative Father's Name on Birth Certificate, Effect of	Putative father's name on birth certificate if father signs affidavit of paternity or when court adjudicates paternity. Name may be added by providing copy of order and request to clerk of town or city where child was born., if child was born outside of NH it is responsibility of principals or outside agency to complete process for entering father's name on birth certificate.
10) Other Statutory Presumptions	No other Statutory Presumptions.
11) Recognition of Common Law Marriage	NO
12) Personal Appearance of Witness or Custodial Parent Required	NO, not in URESA hearings.
Acceptable Methods of Testimony	
13) Long-Arm Statute	Accept notarized financial affidavit
14) Assistance to Other States Using Their Long-Arm Statutes	
• Service of Process	YES
• Genetic Testing	YES
15) Recovery of Genetic Testing Costs for Other States	YES

E. SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT

1) Interstate Procedures	OCS submits a recommended order to the court for Judges' signature.
2) Income Considered for Setting Support	Gross income from any source, minus support paid under court or administrative order, 50% of amount paid to provide medical insurance coverage for child(ren), mandatory contributions to retirement plans and actual state income taxes paid, and day care expenses.
3) Criteria for Rebuttal	A written finding or a specific finding by the presiding officer on the record that the application of the guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case as determined by using the State's criteria, shall be sufficient to rebut the presumption in such case.
4) Support Order for Prior Periods	YES, 6 years for AFDC, no limit for other types

F. ENFORCEMENT

(Note: If multiple orders, see Part "G")

I. ENFORCING YOUR OWN ORDER

1) Enforcement for Non-Resident Family	YES
2) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available	YES
3) Judicial Procedures and Remedies Available with Registration	YES

II. ENFORCING OTHER STATES' ORDERS

4) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available Without Registration	Yes, IWW, License Revocation
5) Judicial/Administrative Remedies with Registration	YES
6) UIFSA/URES A Registration and Enforcement Procedure	YES, URES A only.
7) Judicial Procedures Required	YES

	after Registration	
8)	Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Citation	NO, rarely used

G. MODIFICATION/REVIEW & ADJUSTMENT OF ORDERS

1)	Jurisdiction Requirements	New Hampshire order, need to get personal service & jurisdiction under full faith & credit
2)	Modification Procedures	Interstate Enforcement transmittal & notarized financial statement from custodial parent
3)	Criteria for Modification	Substantial change of circumstances or three years since last order. IV-D agency will review only if there will be a plus or minus 20% change and at least \$50 per month.change No medical support included in original order.
4)	Criteria for Change of Circumstances	Change must be permanent, involuntary, and substantial.
5)	Frequency With Which Reviews are Conducted	Upon request of the AP, CP or guardian to the court upon showing of change in financial circumstances Agency will review every 3 years for AFDC cases upon request for non-AFDC cases, but not more frequently than every 3 years
6)	Criteria for Review	Compliance with Guidelines
7)	Criteria for Adjustment	See Above

H. MULTIPLE ORDERS

ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION

1)	Controlling Order	Full Faith & Credit or enter new order
2)	Date of Controlling Order	N/A
3)	If No Controlling Order	Enter new order
4)	Arrears Procedure	Calculate arrears based on highest order

I. Documentation Required to Initiate Requests

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each document	Certification required for each document *See below
Establishment of Paternity and Support	Complete URESA Packet with Paternity affidavit completed, and copy of birth certificate if applicable	3	A
Enforcement of Responding State's Order	Copy of existing responding state's order Interstate Enforcement Transmittal Certified arrears affidavit, using General Testimony 4A& B	1	E for copy of order A for Arrears
Modification of Responding States' Orders	Complete URESA packet with copy of latest responding state's order	3	A
Administrative Enforcement of Another States' Order	Interstate Enforcement Transmittal copy of other state's order Certified arrears statement	1	B
Registration for Enforcement of Another States' Order	3 Certified copies of all orders 1 Certified Arrears affidavit, using Gen Test 4A & B 3 copies State Laws where order is from	3	C for Orders A for Arrears E for State Laws
Collection of Arrearages in Multiple Orders	Interstate Enforcement Transmittal Certified Arrears statement Copy of all Support Orders	1	A
Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act	Complete URESA Packet	3	A
Modification of Another State's Order	Complete URESA Packet NH cannot modify another states order must enter new agreement	3	A
Status Update on an Existing Interstate Case	Interstate Enforcement Transmittal	1	E
Assistance/Discovery	N/A		
Quick Locate	Quick Locate form ,or Interstate Enforcement Transmittal, or thru CSENet	1	E

*A= Notarization by Notary Public; B= Certification by signature of agency official;
C= Certification by signature of court official; D= Others (please specify);
E= Certification not required

J. State Contact Chart

ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CONTACT Name, Title, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail (include 800 if applicable)
State Information Agent	Dawn Panzino, URESA Coordinator Central Registry Office of Child Support Legal Office 6 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-4428 FAX (603) 271-4771
Central Registry	Dawn Panzino, URESA Coordinator Central Registry Office of Child Support Legal Office 6 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-4428 FAX (603) 271-4771
Interstate Policy Contact (if different)	Dorothy Leavitt, Administrator Office of Child Support 6 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-4440
Contact for Information Regarding Your States Long Arm Statute and Process	Charlotte Guyer Legal Office 6 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-4759
Contact for Information Regarding Collection and Distribution (State level)	Dawn Panzino, URESA Coordinator Central Registry Office of Child Support Legal Office 6 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-4428 FAX (603) 271-4771
Contact to Obtain Payment Records	Dawn Panzino, URESA Coordinator Central Registry Office of Child Support Legal Office 6 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-4428 FAX (603) 271-4771
Contact to Obtain Copy of Order	Dawn Panzino, URESA Coordinator Central Registry Office of Child Support Legal Office 6 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301

	(603) 271-4428 FAX (603) 271-4771
Contact for States Using Their Long Arm Statutes or Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (no “case” in your State) for	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service of Process (private process server? If so , list) 	County Sheriff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genetic Testing (e.g. assistance with interstate teleconferencing) 	Whoever, the Initiating State contracts with
New Hire Reporting Contact	N/A
Employer Assistance Contact	N/A
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Status</i> Requests (if any)	N/A
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Payment</i> Requests (if any)	N/A
Privatization Contact	None